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IMPORT DUTY ON LITHARGE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a)the rate of import duty on Litharge, and on Lead Ingote, raw material being used in its manufacturing;

(b)whether concession in the import-duty has been given to some industrial units importing Litharge whereas no such concession has been extended to the Litharge manufacturing small industrial units on the import of Lead Ingot being used as a raw material in the manufacturing of Litharge;

(c) if so, whether as a result of this situation small units are being closed; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to save the small units from closure?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) Litharge as well as lead ingots generally attract basic customs duty of 35%;

(b) Concessional basic customs duty of 15% is leviable on Litharge imported for use in the manufacture of Glass shells or parts for colour picture tubes;

(c) The office of the Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries) does not maintain list of small scale units producing litharge. As such it is not possible to indicate whether any such units are being closed;

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to (c) above.